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DIARY NOTESExecutive Director-Comptroller

16 July 1965

1. Bud Wheelon buzzed to say that his people had been to the Pentagon to discuss [redacted]. He believes that there is no unnecessary duplication between this project and those of the Department of Defense. He said that [redacted] and Jack Blake are all prepared to brief me on this subject at any time and that a paper will be coming forward. (We should get this sorted out and brief the Director prior to his meeting with Mr. Schultze, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, next Friday, 23 July.)

2. John Bross buzzed to say that Dick Bissel had told him that

[redacted] He suggested that we might wish to get a copy of the manuscript. I agreed and asked John to get in touch with [redacted] to see if he could do this for us.

3. Admiral Raborn, John Clarke, [redacted] and I attended a special meeting at the White House to discuss the Fiscal Year 1967 budget. The President presided personally and the meeting lasted for an hour and a half. There can be no doubt as to the sincerity he attaches to his directive that all agencies, whether or not their primary business is national security, come up with lower priority items which can be eliminated in order to help finance the higher priority activities and the Great Society program. The President also said that next November he will have each agency head go down to his Texas ranch alone, at which time the President, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and the agency head would discuss that agency's budget. This means that the Director must personally be very familiar with our budget and be prepared to defend it. ([redacted] is preparing a more detailed memorandum for the record of this meeting.) After the meeting the Director talked with me and expressed great personal interest in ensuring that the President's desires are carried out and, while he intends to participate personally, he expects me to be the hatchet man. I briefed Dick Helms on this and solicited his support, which he has promised.

4. The Director called to say that in the light of the President's admonition he now had some concern about the Chrysler limousine we were in the process of leasing for him. I asked Bob Bannerman to hold up the order and to pull the file and review with me other possibilities for a car for the Director.

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6. Bob Bannerman telephoned to say that [redacted]  
[redacted], had requested a no-escort badge. In the course of  
the security investigation they found that [redacted] doesn't meet  
our qualifications and we should take steps to have him replaced. Because  
of my membership on the GSI Board of Trustees and my personal  
acquaintance with [redacted] I undertook to handle this with him rather  
than go through routine channels.

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